(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following New Radio Stations are being set up in the State of West Bengal : 1. Asansol :- 6 KW FM Transmitter (Relay Centre) 2. Shantiniketan :- 3 KW FM Transmitter with M.P. Studio.

Statement

All India Radio Stations presently functioning in the State of West Bengal

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Power of the Transmitter	Approx. Area Covered Thousand Sq. Kms.	Expected Approx. Population covered (In Lakhs)
1. (i)	Calcutta "A"	100 KW MW Tr.	124.1	789.3
(ii)	Calcutta "B"	100 KW MW Tr.	80.0	595.6
(iii)	Calcutta "C"	20 KW MW Tr. (Vividh Bharati)	23.4	284.4
(iv)	Calcutta "D"	10 KW MW Tr. (Yuvvani)	17.9	270.8
(v)	Calcutta	10 KW MW Tr. Stereo Channel	1.8	110.3
(vi)	Calcutta	50 KW MW Tr.	About 800 Kms. in radius	
2.	Kurseong	20 KW MW Tr.	About 400 Kms. in radius	
3.	Siliguri	200 KW MW Tr.	35.5	175.6
4.	Murshidabad	6 KW MW Tr.	7.6	62.8

Survey for New Mainaguri-Jogigoppa Rail Line

3541. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct survey for Railway line from new Mainaguri to Jogigoppa via Changrabhanga, Mathabanga, New Coochbehar, Tufanganj and Golakganj (Dhubri);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the survey work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey for construction of a new rail line from New Mainaguri-Mathabhanga-New Coochbehar to Jogighopa via Dhubri has been taken up.

(c) By 31.12.97.

Acquisition of Land

3542. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the land is at the disposal of the department for setting up of Post Offices in West Bengal circle, district-wise and location-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to construct Post Offices there; and

(c) the amount allocated by the Government for this purposes so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Intercity Express

3543. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the long standing demand of an intercity express train between Coimbatore and Bangalore in place of Shatabdi Express; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2677/2678 Coimbatore-Bangalore intercity Express has already been introduced with effect from 1.8.97.

[Translation]

Unauthorised Constructions

3544. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that illegal constructions are being carried out on large scale in Delhi on the land belongs to the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed and action taken thereon during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken of proposed to be taken to prevent illegal constructions in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the illegal constructions noticed and the action taken thereon by the Northern Telecom. Region (Mtce) New Delhi and the MTNL, New Delhi, are as per Statement.

(c) Boundary walls are being constructed and barbed wire fencing is also being done on vacant lands of the Department of Telecommunications in Delhi.

Statement

Sl. No.	Location	Controlling Field Unit	Status of Action Taken to remove the Illegal construction in each case
1.	Mukherjee Nagar	NTR (Mtce.) New Delhi	Slum wing and JJ Department of MCD has been requested for surveying and removal of illegal constructions.
2.	Behind Eastern Court	-Do-	Illegal construction has been removed on 24.4.97
3.	DIZ Area	-Do-	Rs. 4.30 crores have been sanctioned as relocation charges by DOT. This amount is to be deposited with slum wing of MCD on receipt of demand from the slum wing of MCD/DDA.
4.	Keshav Puram Lawrence Road	MTNL, New Delhi	Case taken up with the concerned authorities to get the unauthorised occupants evicted.
5.	J.L. Marg	-Do-	

[English]

Construction of Railway Gates in Kerala

3545. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct railway gates in between Calicut and Kannur on National Highway as well as railway over-bridges to help in easing the traffic flow; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 8 nos. of level crossings between Calicut and Cannanore across National Highway-17 on which Road Over Bridges are being considered on cost sharing basis. The State Govt. of Kerala was advised to sponsor Road over/Road under bridges at these locations which are within the criteria, for inclusion in Railway Works Programme. No such proposal has yet been received from State Government. Necessary action will be taken as and when firm proposals are received from the State Government.

Borrowing from Domestic Market

3546. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Railway Finance Corporation has been borrowing from the domestic market at an interest rate of 16 or 17 per cent, which is higher than the rate of return i.e. of 12 to 15 per cent;

(b) if so, the source through which the interest at higher rate will be paid by the Indian Railway Finance Corporation; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to increase the internal resource generation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir. As only a small part of the funds raised by the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) through market borrowing bore interest rate of 16 and 16.5% per annum, the rate of return on funds raised during any financial year has been more than the weighted average cost of borrowing.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Extension of M.E.M.U. Rail Services

3547. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA :Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the present position in regard to extending the M.E.M.U. rail service running between Baroda and Ratlam to Ujjain?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : The extension of MEMU service to Ujjain has been done w.e.f. 26.7.97.

[English]

Demand for Metro Services

3548. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any measures to fulfil the longstanding demand of the people of Barddhman, Bankura, Birbhum, Purulia district to extend metro services in these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) While satellite derived metro channel (DD-2) service is available throughout the country, including all the districts of West Bengal, terrestrially, the service is being initially extended to major cities/ towns in the country depending on availability of resources and *inter se* priorities. In West Bengal, DD-2 service is presently